5. Power is reserved to the District Forest Officer or such other officer conducting the sale as may be deputed by the District Forest Officer to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason therefor.

6. Within a week from the date of intimation regarding the confirmation of the sale the person whose bid is accepted, shall deposit a sum of Rs. 50 (fifty) or 25 per cent of the sale amount whichever is less for each coupe as security towards the due fulfilment of his contract. He shall also pay within that period the remaining 75 per cent of the contract amount due by him and shall execute an agreement, on a stamped paper of proper value, accepting the above terms and the terms specified below, failing which, the amount already paid will be forfeited to Government and the produce resold or worked departmentally at his risk as noted in clause (2) *supra*. The security deposit or the balance thereof as may remain over shall be repayable to the contractor on his producing proof relieving him of any liability under the contract.

The following are the further conditions to which the contractor should bind himself :—

(*a*) That he shall fell and remove the fuel trees purchased by him before the 15th June 1931.

(b) That he shall make the fellings of the trees in a methodical manner from one side of the coupe coppicing the stumps of the trees felled leaving the standard trees marked on the area intact along with all the trees less than one foot in girth, trees yielding Minor Forest Produce and all trees, shrubs and thorny growths that are coming up within a radius of six feet from the sandal trees and saplings.

(*c*) That each consignment of fuel shall be covered by a passport issued by the Range Officer or any other officer deputed by the District Forest Officer in this behalf.

(*d*) That if any tree, shrub, or growth reserved by the department as noted in clause (b) *supra* is cut, he shall pay a fine not exceeding Rs. 10 per tree.

(*e*) That he shall abide by the rules of the department as regards the kindling of the fires and shall hold himself responsible for any forest offences committed by his agents, employees or workmen.

(*f*) That no operation shall take place in the forest after sunset and before sunrise.

(*g*) That he shall not sublet the contract to anybody except with the written sanction of the District Forest Officer.

(*h*) That he shall have no right whatsoever over the coupes and over the fuel paid for but left unremoved in any of the coupes, after 30th June 1931.

(*i*) That he shall maintain a register in the form prescribed by the District Forest Officer, showing the number of trees felled and the outturn of fuel resulting therefrom and shall keep it open for the examination of the Forest Officers above the grade of guards.

(*j*) That for any breach of any of the conditions of the contract by the contractor or his agents, the contract shall be void at the option of the District Forest Officer and that the latter may, after issuing to the contractor a notice of the cancellation of the contract enforce forfeiture of all or any part of the deposit and shall resell the right or work it departmentally at the risk of the contractor as in clause (2) *supra*. If the deposit or part thereof is so forfeited, it shall be immediately made good by the contractor.

S. VENKATAVARADIENGAR,
District Forest Officer.

CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

Notification dated 4th November 1930.

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the exclusive right of collecting the Minor Forest Produce, Honge Seeds and Leaves and Tupra Leaves standing on all Government unoccupied lands, Amrut Mahal Kavals, State Forests, Reserved lands and Plantations up to end of June 1932 in all the Taluks of this District with the exception of the right of collecting Honge Seeds and Leaves and Tupra leaves of Chitaldrug Taluk, so as to reach the District Forest Officer, Chitaldrug, not later than 2 P.M., on 28th November 1930.

N.B.—Tenders may be given Talukwar separately.

Remarks.—Excludes the produce of Inam, Jodi, Kayamgutta, Sarvamanya, Kandayam and other lands which are in the occupancy of private individuals as well as Village "Amarayi" which is sold separately by the Amildar in the Revenue Department.

Village Amarayi consists of the following kinds of produce found in the assessed waste, gomal, kharab lands, gavatana and other lands set apart for communal purposes :—

(1) Hunse, (2) Mavu, (3) Seege, (4) Cocoanut, (5) Hippe, (6) Nerlu, (7) Halsu, (8) Jali, (9) Honge seeds and leaves, and (10) Byala.

N.B.—The Government will not make any extra demand for lands resigned from occupation and the lessee shall not be entitled to any rebate on account of lands taken for cultivation during the currency of the lease.

Description of produce.

Tamarind fruit
Seege kayi
Gum
Honey
Bees-wax
Kapilarang
Gerubija or marking nut
Wood apple
Lichens
Maradipoppu or charpoppu
Horns
Hides
Tafikayi
Kanchagache
Galluut
Antavaladakai
Gurichariue
Wild castor seeds
Kan pepper
Kan cardamom
Marsani buds
Halamaddi
Hulgal seeds
Cinnamon seeds
Vetchuli
Bende fibre
Wild olive
Silk cotton
Kirichai (State Forest)
Pith
Linseed
Bolar bark
Pot stone
Rampatre or kanpatre
Jungle saffron
Patanga
Bones
Maddi
Chilladabija
Chagachebija
Guggula
Nim seeds
Cashewnut
Pappalichakke
Hippe seeds
Mango fruits
Kallahuvu
Maklibera (State Forest)
Sogadeberu do
Kakkekayi
Somechekke
Lebi fruit
Inglara
Nili seeds
Nux vomica
Honge leaves and seeds
Tupra leaves

2. Each tender should be in a sealed cover superscribed "Tender for the purchase of Minor Forest Produce" and should be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 100 (one hundred only) in currency notes which will be returned in the case of unsuccessful tenderers. Each tenderer should produce a solvency certificate from the Amildar of the Taluk in which he resides.

3. Tenders from defaulters on account of previous leases will not be accepted.

4. The highest tenderer shall ordinarily be the purchaser.

5. The District Forest Officer or the Conservator of Forests reservers to himself the right to accept or reject the highest or any other tender without assigning any reason therefor.

6. The names of accepted tenderers will be put up on the notice board of the District Forest Officer, Chitaldrug, and this must be accepted as sufficient intimation of the fact.

7. Within three days of the acceptance of the tender, the purchaser shall pay into the Government Treasury, one quarter of the total sale amount including the deposit already made together with the local, railway and other cesses on the entire lease amount at the rates prevailing in the District. In default the deposit will be forfeited and the right resold. Such resales will be at the risk of the defaulting purchaser who will be liable to make good any loss that may result to Government right but will have no claims to any surplus accruing therefrom. Such losses will be recoverable as an arrear of Land Revenue.

8. Within three days of the acceptance of the tender, the successful tenderer shall execute an agreement with one or more sureties to the satisfaction of the District Forest Officer in a stamped paper of proper value procured at his own cost, and also furnish security deposit of Rs. 500 or one quarter of the sale amount whichever is less, for the due fulfilment of the conditions of the contract in the shape of Government Savings Bank Deposit.

In default either to execute the agreement with the necessary sureties or to furnish the required security or both, the contract will be cancelled and the right resold, the defaulter being liable for any deficit, in the three-fourths of the original sale amount. He shall have no claim to any surplus accruing from such resale, but shall be liable for the loss arising therefrom which will be recovered as an arrear of land revenue under section 79 of the Mysore Forest Regulation or any other law in force for the time being.

Note.—(i) The solvency and the respectability of the sureties should be proved to the satisfaction of the Amildar and the sureties shall be held responsible for all payments to be made under the lease and for the due fulfilment of all the conditions of the contract.

(ii) A sample form of the agreement may be seen at any of the District Forest Offices.

9. The balance of three-fourths of sale amount will be paid in three equal instalments as follows :—

First khist on or before 1st January 1931.
Second do 1st April 1931.
Third do 1st July 1931.

In default to pay the instalments on due dates, the contract will be cancelled and the right resold, the defaulter being liable for any deficit in the amount due to Government less the amount already paid. He shall have no claim on the surplus accruing from such resale, but shall be liable to the loss arising therefrom, which shall be recovered as an arrear of land revenue, under section 79 of the Mysore Forest Regulation, or any other law in force

for the time being. Interest at 9 per cent per annum will be charged on all arrears of lease amount permitted to be paid after the due date but before the resales.

Further conditions to be entered in the agreement are :—

(*a*) The lessee, his maistries or servants shall not cut or injure any tree in any way on the plea of collecting the produce.

(*b*) The lessee shall furnish a list of sub-contractors, agents or maistries and servants who may be appointed by him for the collection of the produce.

(*c*) The lessee shall work out the lease himself and not transfer or sublet it to others without the previous sanction of the Chief Conservator of Forests. If any sub-lessees are approved, such sub-lessees shall not further sub-let it without previous sanction.

(*d*) The coolies employed by the lessee or sub-lessee must take permits from the Range Officers when they enter State Forests.

(*e*) The lessee or sub-lessee shall keep accounts showing the quantity of the produce collected and removed in accordance with the lease and permit the inspection of such accounts by any Forest Officer of and above the rank of a Ranger having jurisdiction within the area referring to the lease, and the Officers of the Revenue and the Police Departments of and above the rank of an Amildar or Police Inspector, respectively.

(*f*) The lessee or sub-lessee shall render every month to the District Forest Officer an account of the number of cart-loads of the produce collected and carted during the month.

(*g*) The lessee or sub-lessee shall provide printed licenses and passes in triplicate for the collection and for the export of the produce under his signature. In the latter case, each cart-load, must be covered by a pass. These licenses and passes which will be in books shall be obtained from the Range Forest Officer and will have a seal of the District Forest Officer, impressed. The duplicate copies will be submitted to the Range Forest Officer, on the day on which the license or pass is issued. When the books are completed, the counterfoils should be returned to the District Forest Officer through the Range Forest Officer and fresh supply obtained.

Note.—(1) Forest Forms 84 and 85 shall be used.

(*h*) The lessee or sub-lessee, his agents or maistries and servants shall be held responsible for any fires caused by negligence either by themselves or by their workmen and shall prevent the occurrence of fires in the Forests in which they may be working and render prompt assistance in extinguishing such fires as may break out accidentally. They will be liable also under the Forest Regulation, irrespective of any action that may be taken under the contract.

(*i*) The lessee or sub-lessee shall remove out of the limits of the taluk before the 30th June 1932, all the produce collected and stored under the terms of the lease.

(*j*) Neither the lessee or sub-lessee, nor his employees, shall enter the State Forests either before sunrise or after sunset.

(*k*) No collection of the Minor Forest Produce will be permitted in the State Forests during the fire season, *i.e.*, from the 15th February to end of April of each year.

(*l*) The lessee or sub-lessee shall not interfere with the recognised rights of Inamdars.

(*m*) The lessee or sub-lessee has no right to the produce or trees on occupied lands and the village Amarai as detailed in para 1 above.

(*n*) No damage will be caused to the trees while collecting the Minor Forest Produce, any such damage will be assessed by the Range Forest Officer, which will be approved by the District Forest Officer. The District Forest Officer's decision in the assessment of the damages will be final. The assessed damages will be recovered from the security deposit of the lessee.

(*o*) The lessee or sub-lessee shall hold responsible himself for the acts of his agents or servants in the business of collection and transport.

10. In the event of breach of any of these conditions, the lease will be cancelled or the security amount forfeited in whole or in part or both these penalties will be enforced at the discretion of the District Forest Officer, the Conservator of Forest, Shimoga, or the Chief Conservator of Forests as the case may be. In the case of mere forfeiture of the deposit amount, in part, or in full, the difference will be made good immediately by the contractor, and if not, the lease will be cancelled and resold at the risk of the original purchaser, who will be liable for any loss which will become recoverable as an arrear of land revenue but not participate in any profits.

Notification dated 4th November 1930.

It is hereby notified for general information that the following quantity of timber and fuel of the Jagalur Plantation will be sold by public auction, by the District Forest Officer,

Chitaldrug District, at the Jagalur Plantation, on the 24th November 1930, under the following conditions :—

Name	Kind	Approximate quantity	Remarks.
		No.	
Jagalur Plantation ... (Situated at about ¾ mile from Jagalur).	Casuarina timber ... Do fuel ...	1,500 C.ft. 50 tons.	More or less

Conditions.

1. Each bidder shall place a deposit of Rs. 50 with the officer conducting the sale. But defaulters to the department will not be allowed to bid at the sales.

2. Any person bidding at the sale may be required by the officer conducting the sale to state whether he is bidding on his own behalf or as an agent, and in the latter case, to produce a written authority duly signed by the principal.

3. The highest bidder shall ordinarily be the purchaser, but the officer conducting the sale can reject any bid or stop the sale at any stage without assigning any reason to the intending purchasers.

4. Immediately after the lot is knocked down to him, the successful bidder shall sign his name opposite the number and specification of the lot bought by him in a book provided for the purpose. Such signature shall be held as admission on his part of having bought such lot and of having accepted the terms of the sale as herein specified. The sale is subject to the confirmation by the District Forest Officer or the Conservator of Forests as the case may be.

5. After conclusion of the sale, each purchaser shall pay the full amount including the deposit already paid in cash to the officer conducting the sale and obtain in return from him a receipt vouching for the payment of the value. Should any purchaser fail to comply with this rule, the initial deposit of Rs. 50 shall at once be forfeited to Government and the officer conducting the sale shall be at liberty to resell the timber purchased by such defaulter who shall be required to make good any loss, but shall not participate in any profit from such resale. The amount due by such defaulter on account of loss from resale shall be recovered from him as a revenue demand under section 79 of the Mysore Forest Regulation. In calculating such losses, the initial deposit forfeited to Government shall not be taken into account.

In case of resales for default of payment of value where no bidders are forthcoming, it will be open to the District Forest Officer to fix such price as may appear to him to be reasonable and to proceed for the recovery from the defaulter of the balance, if any, after deducting the price so fixed from the original sale amount. A registered notice should be issued to the defaulter intimating the price fixed by the District Forest Officer, for the unsold wood and the amount still due from him which will be recovered as arrears of Land Revenue.

6. The deposits tendered by unsuccessful bidders shall be returned immediately after the sales are concluded.

7. The full value of all timber and fuel purchased shall be paid immediately after the sale.

8. If the amount is not fully paid for by the purchaser immediately the initial deposit as well as the other moneys already paid in shall be forfeited to Government and all or any portion of the timber not fully paid for shall be resold at the risk of the purchaser.

9. No timber lot shall be permitted to be removed by the purchaser unless it has been paid for in full, calculated at the rates at which the timber is knocked down to him at the time of sale, and no timber shall be removed from the depot unless a permit is obtained from the Forest Officer in charge of the depot.

10. Timber purchased should be removed as early as possible, and in no case should it be allowed to remain longer than 30 days after the date of sale. Timber not removed after purchase, will remain in the depot at the risk of the purchaser from the date of the sale.

11. If the timber is not removed within the time allowed, the same may, after ten days' notice to the purchaser, be sold in public auction and the proceeds will be given to the purchaser after defraying all the expenses in connection with the resale.

B. MADHAVA RAO,
District Forest Officer.